

## INSS Senior Staff Biography

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Mr. Leo Michel has been a Senior Research Fellow, concentrating on transatlantic security issues, since joining INSS in July 2002. Mr. Michel's previous position was Director for NATO Policy within the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD).

During more than 17 years in OSD, Mr. Michel also worked on a range of nuclear and non-nuclear policy issues and international negotiations involving the former Soviet Union. During 1996-1999, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy appointed him to serve as the first OSD representative on the senior faculty of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Geneva, Switzerland.

Before joining OSD, Mr. Michel worked in the Directorate for Intelligence. During the 1970s, he was a staffer in the U.S. House of Representatives and a reporter for French news media. Mr. Michel served as a U.S. Navy officer during 1969-1972.

A member of the Senior Executive Service since April 2000, he holds a Master's degree from Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies and a Bachelor's degree from Princeton University.